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FIP European Padel Championships, all the numbers of a record edition Participating teams, athletes, social interactions and views on the website: what a show in Cagliari!

What just ended in **Cagliari** was a record-breaking **FIP European Padel Championships**. And records of all kinds: from the number of participating teams, to the number of athletes on the court and staff present at TC Cagliari, to the **FIP social networks** and the **International Padel Federation**'s website.

TEAMS The **FIP European Padel Championships 2024** recorded a record number of registered teams: 51, of which 31 men's and 20 women's, with a qualifying stage played from 7 to 9 June in Oslo (Norway) in which 31 teams took part and a final stage with 16 teams in both the men's and women's draw. In Cagliari, more than 300 people including athletes, coaches, sports and medical staff, with the **International Padel Federation** and the **Italian Tennis and Padel Federation** fielding more than 50 people. Spain became European champions with both the women and the men: **Iciar Montes**, captain of the women's team, was among the protagonists of the first edition of the FIP European Padel Championships, held in 1995 in Italy, in Lido di Savio, with Spain, France and Italy on the court. Montes, in the two matches 29 years ago paired with Araceli Montero, didn't concede a game to her opponents.

MATCHES, SOCIAL AND WEB In six days, **288 matches** were played (48 per day), spread over the eight courts of **TC Cagliari**: 590 sets were played of which 43 tiebreaks, 5,133 games and almost 20,000 minutes played (332 hours). All matches were streamed on the **FIP's YouTube** channel (with over 2 million views by users from 125 countries and 5,000 new subscribers to the channel); on the **FIP's Instagram profile**, coverage was 1,500,000 accounts reached (with almost 100,000 interactions) and more than 6,000 new followers during the week. Finally, on <u>padelfip.com</u>, there were more than 200,000 unique accounts and 1.5 million views on the tournament and news sections.

PLAYERS In the women's tournament, the 10 youngest and 14 less youngest players in total played in Cagliari. The most experienced was Hungary's **Monica Erdelyi** (born in 1972), the youngest the Lithuanian **Izabelė Skietrytė**, ahead of her compatriot, **Guoda Bogačkovaitė**, both born in 2008. In the men's category, the youngest was the Monegasque **Florian Valsot** (born in 1983), the youngest the Swedish **Adam Axelsson** (class of 2005). The women's team with the highest average age was Hungary with 39 years; the men's team Monaco with 33, while the youngest was Estonia among the women with 22 years and the Netherlands among the men with 25. The average age of all participating female athletes was 28 years and three months and that of the men 29 years and one month.